GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO PAK BUS SERVICE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of places from where bus service between India and Pakistan has been introduced during the last three years; and

(b) The details thereof, year-wise ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) − (b) A fortnightly bus service between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad

(Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) was operationalised on 7 April 2005. Travel on this bus is on the basis of entry permits issued by concerned authorities on both sides. The service which was temporarily suspended due to the damage to infrastructure in the earthquake of 8 October 2005 resumed on 20 February 2006. The bi-weekly Amritsar-Lahore bus commenced service on 24 January 2006 and the bi-weekly Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus service on 24 March 2006. The Poonch-Rawalakot bus service was inaugurated on 20 June 2006 on a fortnightly basis. The procedure for travel on this bus is the same as for the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service.